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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## Ohio Historical Marker to be Dedicated at Interurban Depot

CANAL WINCHESTER – The Village of Canal Winchester is proud to declare that an Ohio Historical Marker commemorating the Interurban Depot will be dedicated at the station located in historic downtown Canal Winchester, Ohio. Two passengers photographed as children during the last train through the station 80 years ago will be recognized in addition to speakers detailing the history and significance of the Interurban Depot. The village invites members of the media to celebrate the marking of this historical location. Event details follow:

**Date & Time:** Friday, May 21 at 4 p.m.

**Location:** Interurban Depot  
Behind 20 S. High Street  
*For parking: pass 20 S. High Street, turn **right** onto Columbus Street, then **right** onto Warehouse Alley*

**Agenda:** Bruce Jarvis, Main Street Canal Winchester  
Mayor Michael Ebert, Village of Canal Winchester  
George William Boving and Dorothy Boving Hockman, passengers aboard last Interurban run  
Alex Campbell, Historian for Scioto Valley Traction Company  
Representative from the Ohio Historical Society  
Unveiling & Refreshments

The Interurban Depot was a passenger and freight train terminal constructed by the Scioto Valley Traction Company in 1905. This electric railway linked Canal Winchester with neighboring municipalities in central Ohio and was commonly known as “The Interurban.” Before improving roads and affordable automobiles rendered this system obsolete in 1930, trains could transport passengers as far north as Columbus and as far southwest as Chillicothe. Interurban trolley cars were not only convenient, but quick. Direct current from the “third rail” provided power to the train and allowed the car to reach speeds of up to 60 miles per hour.

The Village of Canal Winchester purchased the building from the South Central Power Company in 2002, when their offices vacated. This was done with hopes to pursue a “historic rehabilitation” in order to bring the building back to use for the residents of Canal Winchester. Phase 1, restoration of the exterior, has been completed and will be followed by a renovation of the interior sometime in the future. The restored Interurban Depot is eventually expected to house public conference space.

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